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For: FUEL ASSEMBLY AND NUCLEAR REACTOR  
Group: 3641  
Examiner: H. Behrend

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REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF NEW OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

July 12, 1999

Sir:

Reference is made to the telephone discussion with the Group Director of March 16, 1999, in which the Group Director based upon a telephone request of the undersigned attorney, reviewed the file of this application and the Advisory Action dated January 22, 1999, refusing to enter the Amendment and refusing to withdraw the finality of the Office Action, wherein the Group Director advised that the Amendment filed January 11, 1999 will be entered and a new Office Action considering such amendment will be issued in due course.

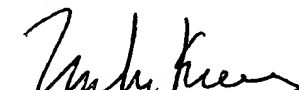
Subsequently, the undersigned attorney has conducted several telephone interviews with the Examiner, Mr. Behrend in which the Examiner advised that the Amendment will be

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entered and a new Office Action will be issued.

Since today is the end of the fourth month extended period for filing an Appeal Brief based upon the Notice of Appeal filed January 11, 1999, and almost the end of a four month period from the March 16, 1999 date in which the Group Director advised that a new Office Action would be issued in due course, it is considered appropriate to file this paper and request issuance of a new Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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